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Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of July 8, 2003 in which Restriction/Election of Species has been required, the period for response having been extended for two months by the attached Petition, Applicants hereby elect Group I, i.e. Claims 1-12 drawn to the polyorthoester.

With respect to the Election of Species requirement, Applicants hereby elect:

- (i) methyl orthoformate as orthoester (a);
- (ii) 2-butyl-2-ethyl-1,3-propanediol as glycol (b); and
- (iii) pentaerythritol as hydroxyl group-containing compound (c).

Claims readable on the elected species are 1-4 and 7-12.


As for the requirement of Election of (iv) species for curing agent, and (v) species for base polymer, there is no need to respond since Groups II to IV are non-elected in reply to the Restriction Requirement. If necessary however, Applicants elect

- (iv) polyisocyanate compound as the curing agent; and
- (v) hydroxyl group-containing acrylic resin as the base polymer.

Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

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